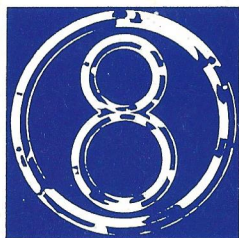




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The Bendigo Amateur Soccer League (formerly Bendigo Soccer League) has now been in existence for ten years.

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With the likely influx of large numbers of players from the booming Bendigo Junior Soccer League it appears more than likely that further divisions will have to be created in future years to cater for the ever increasing popularity of soccer in Bendigo and surrounding districts.

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A HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE

In 1950, Mr. Walter Clayton advertised in the Bendigo Advertiser for people interested in establishing a soccer team in Bendigo. The response was sufficient to establish the game for the next sixteen years and provide the basis for the present Bendigo Soccer League.

Bendigo United, as the club was called, travelled throughout Victoria in search of matches. They played in Melbourne, Moe, Geelong, Ballarat, Shepparton, Merbein, Kerang and many other top Victorian towns and cities.

Bendigo United was not a particularly successful side but did manage to win the Central League Championship on one occasion, and the Knock-Out Cup on another.

Some of the Bendigo United players went on to play with State League teams such as Wilhelmina, Hakoah, Polonia and Moreland.

Soccer in its present form, hit the headlines on November 8th, 1970, when the present Bendigo Soccer League was formed at what has turned out to be an historical and momentous occasion for sport in the area.

Soccer had come back the previous year under the guidance of Ted Ellinghaus who advertised in the local newspaper for soccer players late in 1969. Ted succeeded in sparking off the old enthusiasm and collected a group of about sixteen players who organised games, coaching and visiting teams from Melbourne. At this stage the games were all played on the old Long Gully Ground.

In the close season plans were made to join several other, already organised, leagues. However, two men, David Wilkinson and Michael John decided otherwise, and with a determination akin to madness — remember Bendigo boasted the strongest Country Australian Rules League in Australia, these two men laid the foundations of the Bendigo Soccer League.

The old Soccer Club was disbanded unceremoniously on November 8, 1970, and the new league was on its way. The four teams were given four players each, the Captain and the Vice-Captain were told of their appointments and told to recruit — "We kick-off in April."

April came with over 60 players registered, trophies and awards to cover everything, ground and equipment, sponsorships and tremendous hope.

On April 4th, 1971, soccer was here to stay — four complete teams lined-up for the Official Opening — fully kilted out, a brand new ground, every local dignitary, T.V. cameras, radio, press and all of the trappings including mascots. The names Ted Ellinghaus, Joe Reilly and Tony Longano have been prominent in Bendigo Soccer since its inception. Ted was top goal scorer and best and fairest in 1971; Tony won the most consistent award; and Joe Reilly captained League Champions, Golden City. John Van Emmerik was the Best Young Player in that year.

1972 saw an expansion of the League with Maryborough and Sandhurst joining. Sandhurst later became Golden City Colts and are now a club in their own right and are known as Colts. Joe Reilly topped the goal scoring, Jimmy Shepherd (Maryborough) was best and fairest and South Bendigo were League Champions.

Seymour and Puckapunyal joined the League in 1973, and Sandhurst became Golden City Colts. City again won the Championship, Joe Reilly was again the leading goal scorer and Robert Ross won the Young Player of the Year Award.

Golden City were League Champions again in 1974 and their brilliant goal scorer, Joe Judge, bagged 49 goals, the highest ever in Bendigo Soccer. Joe also won the Player of the Year Award with Owen Davies taking out the Young Player of the Year trophy. Eaglehawk, Castlemaine and Echuca made up the new teams in the League which now boasted 11 clubs.

Golden City's stranglehold on League trophies was broken in 1975 when Strathdale were League Champions and Knock-Out Cup winners, and B.I.T. were League Cup winners. Ziggy Nowak was Player of the Year; Chris Ricketts started his four year dominance in the goal scoring department; and Michael Hogan won his second Young Player of the Year Award. 1975 saw the introduction of a Reserves competition which was won by the B.I.T. Chris Ricketts was again top goal-scorer in 1976, whilst his College club-mate, Paul Haye, was Young Player of the Year. Neil Copeland (Echuca) won the Player of the Year Award from the veteran, Tony Longano (Strathdale). Golden City were League Champions and League Cup winners, but College prevented them from winning the treble when they won the Knock-Out Cup. Eaglehawk dominated the Reserves Competition and won the Championship and League Cup.

1977 proved to be the biggest year ever in the Bendigo Soccer League with the addition of Deniliquin to the competition. There were now 12 Senior teams and 10 Reserve teams — including a Rugby-Soccer Club. Golden City's dominance of the competition came to a rapid halt. They managed to win the League Cup early in the season, but College stormed home with brilliant victories in the Championship and the Knock-Out Cup. Chris Ricketts brought his Championship goal scoring tally to 117 goals in 3 years when he scored 45 goals for the season. Veteran Tony Longano deservedly won the Player of the Year Award. Michael Hogan won his third Young Player of the Year Award. Golden City won the Reserves Championship and Colts A defeated Rugby to win the Knock-Out Cup.

The 1978 season began with the League consisting of 11 senior and 12 reserve teams with Seymour leaving for greener pastures, while an over 30's team was formed to play in the Reserves competition known as the Bendigo Old Boys.

Colts United, after winning the Most Improved Team of the 1977 season, took out the League and Cup double for 1978 with B.C.A.E. being runners-up on both occasions.

Chris Ricketts of B.C.A.E. won the Goalscoring Award for the fourth time, with Strathdale's Tony Longano taking out his second League Best and Fairest Award, with Eaglehawk's Jamie Munro being the Top Young Player of the 1978 season.

In the Reserve competition Bendigo Old Boys also scored a League and Cup double, with Colts "A" being runners-up in the League and Golden City Reserves taking the loser's medal in the Cup.

Season 1979 began with the introduction of three divisions, with the success story being Kyneton United's domination of the year's competition.

The promotion and relegation system worked well with Bendigo Old Boys winning promotion into the Senior First Division accompanied by Strathdale. Eaglehawk and Castlemaine were relegated down into the Second Division.

In the First Division the B.C.A.E. club were runners-up for the second year running, with the Championship won by the undefeated Kyneton side. The Third Division Championship was won by the Kyneton Reserve side, with Eaglehawk Reserves runners-up.

The Knock-Out Cups were both won by the two Kyneton combinations.

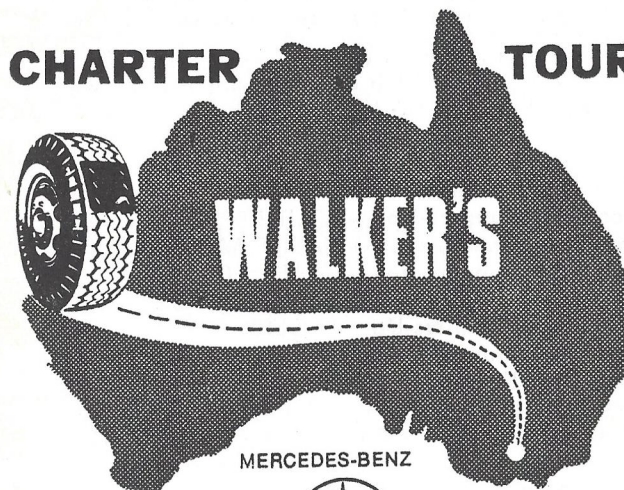
Michael Roche of B.C.A.E. won the Player of the Year Award with fellow team mate Greg Hall winning the Top Goalscorer Award, giving B.C.A.E. their fifth consecutive honour in this award.

In 1980, with the notable exception of the Knock-Out Cup which was won by South Epsom (now South Bendigo), Colts United won every other 1st division team trophy, a tribute to its administration and its able coach, Peter Hill.

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The second division saw Castlemaine dominate the competition, winning the League and K.O. Cups and finishing the season without loss of points with Golden City Reserves being worthy runners-up. Kyneton was the unlucky victim of Castlemaine both in the League Cup and K.O. Cup finals.

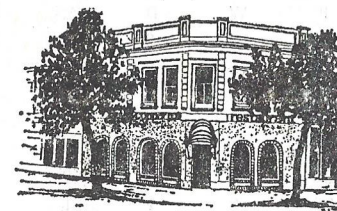
In Division Three Maryborough sneaked home from Colts United Thirds due to superior goal difference. The K.O. Cup was also won by Maryborough with College being runners-up and in the League-Cup competition Colts emerged as winner.

Mervyn Samuel of Kyneton won a long overdue Best and Fairest (Player of the Year) in Division I, and Bob Evans and Allan Wilkinson won this award in Divisions II. and III. respectively.

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AWARDS 1980

Division One Champions — COLTS
 Division One Runners-Up — SOUTH EPSOM
 Division Two Champions — CASTLEMAINE
 Division Two Runners-Up — GOLDEN CITY
 Division Three Champions — MARYBOROUGH
 Division Three Runners-Up — COLTS
 Division One Knock-Out Cup Winners — SOUTH EPSOM
 Division One Knock-Out Cup Runners-Up — DENILQUIN
 Division Two Knock-Out Cup Winners — CASTLEMAINE
 Division Two Knock-Out Cup Runners-Up — KYNETON
 Division Three Knock-Out Cup Winners — MARYBOROUGH
 Division Three Knock-Out Cup Runners-Up — COLLEGE
 Division One League Cup Winners — COLTS
 Division One League Cup Runners-Up — B.O.B.S.
 Division Two League Winners — CASTLEMAINE
 Division Two League Cup Runners-Up — KYNETON
 Division Three League Cup Winners — COLTS
 Division Three League Cup Runners-Up — NOT AWARDED
 Division One Five-A-Side Winners — COLTS
 Division One Five-A-Side Runners-Up — CASTLEMAINE
 Division Two Five-A-Side Winners — COLTS
 Division Two Five-A-Side Runners-Up — SOUTH EPSOM
 Division Three Five-A-Side Winners — COLLEGE
 Division Three Five-A-Side Runners-Up — KYNETON
 Player of the Year — M. SAMUEL (KYNETON)
 Young Player of the Year — P. HARDY (SOUTH EPSOM)
 Leading Goalscorer (18 Goals) — S. BUTLER (COLTS)
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Colts United	20	16	2	2	49	16	34
College (B.C.A.E.)	20	15	3	2	51	23	33
Golden City	20	14	4	2	66	22	32
Kyneton	20	10	7	3	62	23	27
South Epsom	20	9	2	9	40	35	20
Eaglehawk	20	8	3	9	42	38	19
Deniliquin	20	8	1	11	43	58	17
Echuca	20	5	3	12	33	64	13
Puckapunyal	20	4	2	14	34	70	10
Castlemaine	20	3	2	15	18	53	8
Strathdale	20	1	5	14	14	50	7

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES DIVISION ONE — 1979

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kyneton	14	14	0	0	43	5	28
B.C.A.E.	14	11	0	3	39	12	22
South Epsom	14	8	2	4	30	23	22
Colts United	14	7	1	6	31	18	15
Deniliquin	14	5	2	7	19	29	12
Golden City	14	3	3	8	18	34	9
Eaglehawk	14	3	2	9	12	35	8
Castlemaine	14	0	0	14	9	51	0

CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES DIVISION ONE — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Colts United	16	13	2	1	48	24	28
South Epsom	16	7	6	3	44	28	20
Bendigo Old Boys	16	6	7	3	32	23	19
College	16	6	5	5	25	22	17
Eaglehawk	16	7	1	8	30	35	61
Kyneton	16	6	3	6	29	26	15
Golden City	16	3	7	6	34	30	13
Strathdale	16	4	3	8	20	47	11
Deniliquin	16	2	2	11	10	55	6

DIVISION TWO — 1979

	P	4	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Bendigo Old Boys	14	14	0	0	64	7	28
Strathdale	14	10	2	2	41	22	22
South Epsom	14	6	3	5	29	28	15
Colts United	14	6	2	6	22	22	14
Echuca	14	6	0	8	30	23	12
Golden City	14	4	1	9	27	35	9
Rugby	14	4	1	9	16	46	9
Maryborough	14	1	1	12	21	65	3

DIVISION TWO — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Castlemaine	14	14	0	0	56	12	25
Golden City	14	14	1	3	31	11	21
Rugby	14	7	1	6	20	25	15
Colts United	14	6	2	6	24	19	14
Kyneton	14	6	2	6	28	25	14
South Epsom	14	4	1	9	23	37	9
Eaglehawk	14	3	1	10	17	33	7
Bendigo Old Boys	14	1	4	10	11	40	6

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DIVISION THREE — 1979

	W	D	L	P	A	Pts.
Kyneton	14	0	0	67	7	28
Eaglehawk	9	2	3	35	22	20
Colts United	9	1	4	49	20	19
Deniliquin	9	1	4	38	23	19
South Epsom	4	2	8	18	36	10
College	5	1	8	23	35	9
Strathdale	3	0	11	18	71	6
Castlemaine	0	1	13	3	40	1

DIVISION THREE — 1980

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Maryborough	16	14	0	2	88	16	28
Colts United	16	13	2	1	48	25	28
College	16	7	2	7	37	34	16
Bendigo Old Boys	16	6	3	7	27	34	15
South Epsom	16	5	3	7	34	34	13
Strathdale	16	5	2	8	40	60	12
Deniliquin	16	5	1	10	29	40	11
Kyneton	16	3	3	10	17	36	9
Castlemaine	16	4	0	12	32	73	8

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 1979—M. S. Roche (College).

LEADING BEST & FAIREST VOTES — 1980 DIVISION ONE

19—M. Samuel (Kyneton).	12—S. Butler (Colts).
16—Z. Nowak (College).	11—M. Hurst (College).
16—J. Van Emmerik (Strathdale).	11—M. Aitken (Sth. Epsom).
16—P. Hardy (Sth. Epsom).	11—G. Tupper (Eaglehawk).
15—C. Wood (B.O.B.S.).	11—A. Christou (Sth. Epsom).
12—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).	

DIVISION TWO

19—R. Evans (Castlemaine).	9—M. Rogers (Rugby).
15—P. Kaladis (Colts).	8—G. Dolphin (Castlemaine).
14—N. Thomas (Sth. Epsom).	7—C. Reilly (B.O.B.S.).
11—E. Kalemkaredis (Kyneton).	7—G. Green (Rugby).
10—P. Noulton (Castlemaine).	7—B. Harding (Castlemaine).
10—J. Anderson (Golden City).	

DIVISION THREE

14—A. Wilkinson (B.O.B.S.).	6—M. McKay (Maryborough).
11—C. Kendall (Colts).	6—C. Mason (B.O.B.S.).
8—J. Jackson (Maryborough).	6—C. Rourke.
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1980 DIVISION ONE

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16—P. Hardy (South Epsom).	8—S. Wood (Golden City).
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CLUB NOTES

Observations from the clubs on last season and how they see their sides performing in 1981:

B.C.A.E. (COLLEGE)

In 1980 was another moderate year for College. A depleted side performed poorly in the first half of the season but a much improved performance in the second half saw us finish in mid-table. Semi-finalists in each of the League and Knock-out Cups and the 5-a-side confirmed us as an "almost-but-not-quite" side. Our reserves deservedly won the Division 3 5-a-side competition.

Regrettably we have lost Dave Moyer and the Treloar brothers from last year. Bob Seviour, spending most of the season in Scotland, will be missed, but the sense of impending doom has been largely replaced by the signing of Stewart Gibson. We wish Bob well and hope we do well enough to have something solid to point to on his return at the end of the season.

Best wishes to all clubs for enjoyable soccer in 1981.

G. CONGDON, Secretary.

B.O.B.S.

1980 allowed us to try our wings as a fully-fledged, three team club.

We found out early in the season that it was not always easy to find, let alone organise, thirty-three players every Sunday.

However, hopefully, we have ironed out most of the difficulties and look forward to having increased success in all divisions.

We wish all clubs in the B.A.S.L. the very best for 9181.

DAVID KEITH, Secretary.

CASTLEMAINE

Following a very successful season in the Second Division, Castlemaine faces the 1981 season with ambition to prove that it is worthy of its re-entry into the First Division. If the standard of play achieved by this team towards the end of last season can be attained, we can promise to give a good account of ourselves during the coming season.

Being runners-up for the second successive year in the 1980 Indoor 5-A-Side Championships, the club looks forward to another good effort in this popular competition this year.

The Junior section of the club is fielding six teams this year and with the inclusion of an U/16 team is now forging that vital links in the chain of development of soccer players from Junior to Senior status.

The club records its appreciation of Celly McCuskey's inspirational coaching last season and wishes him well for the future.

Congratulations to all team members who together achieved success for the club.

We thank all Clubs of the Bendigo League who patronise our Festival and hope it achieves its object by providing a measure of competitive play and the chance for self-assessment for all participants before the season gets under way.

We wish all Fellow Members of the League an enjoyable 1981 Season and assure you of a good welcome to our Wesley Hill Ground.

GEORGE EVANS, Secretary.

COLTS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

The enthusiasm at Colts this year is greater than ever before with a top season of 1980 behind us. We have a new ground and change rooms at Strathfieldsaye. The ground has two pitches, one full size, and one junior pitch.

Once again our social committee did a tremendous job, holding many functions during the season. We wish them further success this year.

Our junior membership is again very strong and we will endeavour to give full support for the betterment of soccer.

Thank you to all members, players and a special thanks to committee members for season 1980.

R. K. MASTERTON, Secretary.

DENILIQUN

Well, it's this time again. Soccer in 1981 begins soon and as far as the Deniliquin Soccer Club is concerned, we are confident and hope to have a successful season.

In 1980, Deniliquin were disappointing with winning the league's wooden- spoon trophy but finished the season off well with being runner-up in the League's K.O. Cup for the second year in succession.

Congratulations to South Epsom (now South Bendigo) for winning the K.O. Cup and Colts United the League Championship.

With new Coach Raymond Rowe at the helm and with changes to the Senior Squad and former players back with the club the team is showing good teamwork and combining as one unit. With our stay in Division 2 this season it's time for the club to progress and bring younger players up through the ranks.

In conclusion, the Deniliquin Soccer Club wishes all teams in the B.A.S.L. good soccer and a enjoyable successful season.

MICHAEL BENNETT, Secretary.

EAGLEHAWK

Eaglehawk starts the year with all club positions as they were for 1980. Mansell Davies giving valuable leadership as President; Geoff Major, secretary, and Fred Parker, Coach.

The building process is growing with teams in all Junior Divisions which must augur well for the future.

Our First Division team will see many young players who have come up through the junior ranks with knowledge and skill developed within the club. Within the next few years it is expected that the home grown product will carry us to the Championship.

Our thanks go to all concerned with the Soccer Administration and to all our supporters. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the Borough Council for the assistance they have given with Truscott.

See you all at Truscott!

GEOFF MAJOR, Secretary.



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GOLDEN CITY

Once again Golden City is looking to the younger members of the club, with their experience of the last two seasons, to be contenders for the silverware this season.

We are proud to announce that the first division, second division and ladies' teams will have the Bendigo Sports Centre as their home ground for season 1981. The 5 junior teams, Under 14's, 12's, 10's and 8's, will have Strauch Reserve at Huntly as their home ground.

With every member being an active, hard-working and enthusiastic member, Golden City can be proud of itself and look to the future with pride, prestige and progress.

In closing, we wish all the other teams the best of luck for the coming season.

NEIL CRAMER, Senior Vice-President.

KYNETON

1981 A NEW ERA

For the first time since the inception of the Kyneton Club, season 1981 will see a truly representative side of Kyneton participating in the B.A.S.L.

In its efforts to establish soccer in the Kyneton region, the club has come under heavy "fire" in regard to "importing" players, but the fruits of this transitional period will show forth this coming season with the "senior players" having been accepted into Provisional League Three, and the young hopefuls of Kyneton beginning their campaign to "re-establish" Kyneton in the B.A.S.L. from their launching pad in Division Three.

Season 1980 was one of mixed fortunes for the club, the success of 1979 did not follow on after the loss of several senior players. Also taking into account the large amount of injuries, the club was quite happy to finish in the upper half of Division One.

The Second Division side fared slightly better in reaching the final of both League and K.O. Cups, only to be defeated on both occasions by the strong Castlemaine side.

The Third Division side showed its strength of character in bouncing back week after week in an effort to obtain its first points. The experience gained will be invaluable as it will carry the proud name of Kyneton into season 1981 in the B.A.S.L.

May I take this opportunity to wish all clubs an enjoyable, sporting and rewarding season.

MERV. SAMUEL, Secretary.

MARYBOROUGH CITY

After the success of last season when the club won the Third Division Championship and Knock-Out Cup, Maryborough City are looking forward to the 1981 season with confidence and optimism.

The majority of last year's players are still available and with new signings a reserve side has been formed and will play in Division Three.

There are over 60 boys aged 7-14 in Maryborough's junior competition, so the future of soccer here looks bright.

R. BIRD, Secretary.

RUGBY SOCCER CLUB

1980 marked a successful year for Rugby Soccer Club. The Club achieved its highest standing on the League Championship ladder by finishing third and performed creditably in both the Knockout and League Cups. For 1981 the Club has lost several established players but has been successful in signing several young players and with the blend of youth and experience can look forward to a succesful year providing worthy opposition to all sides. All players at Rugby have the aim of playing for the enjoyment of the game and wish all other clubs the best of luck for season '81.

T. M. TEMPLER, Club Spokesman.

SEYMOUR

Seymour starts the 1981 season with much more enthusiasm now that we are back again in the Bendigo League. Our last three seasons away was an experience that we prefer to forget. We feel sure that meeting again with old friends will prove to be an incentive to our players. With a few of our old players still with us and a new Committee, we sincerely hope that we can prove ourselves to be worthy opponents.

P. I. ENRICO, Secretary.

SOUTH BENDIGO

We are looking forward to an improved season for South Bendigo in all three divisions, last year runners-up in the League Cup and defeating Deniliquin in the final of the Knockout Cup.

We have recruited many new players over the summer period, and through the hard work of committee members, and with the aid of the Bendigo City Council, we have obtained Ewing Park as our new home ground, and thus changing our name back to South Bendigo.

Under the leadership of Coach Clive Ibbeson, the signings of some new players will help to give the club a good blending of youth and experience in the three divisions.

A lot of enthusiasm has been shown in our pre-season training from all players, and with the strong dedication of the players to the club we will see South Bendigo a very strong force in 1981.

We wish all clubs the best in the 1981 season and look forward to fair play and sportsmanship from all teams.

GEOFF HARPER, Secretary.

STRATHDALE SOCCER CLUB

After finding our backs to the wall in 1980 and escaping relegation by the skin of our teeth, we shall endeavour, in 1981, to put our shoulders to the wheel, our nose to the grindstone and, hopefully, play a better brand of football.

On behalf of all our members may I wish all other clubs success, where possible, and enjoyment always.

PAUL TARQUINIO, Secretary,

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(C.): WESLEY HILL OVAL, CASTLEMAINE—

Follow the Melbourne sign to leave the City via Forest Street. Immediately after crossing FOREST CREEK Bridge pass Railway Avenue on your Right, Turn into Next Right—McGrath Street. Pass Stadium on your Right, Turn into Next Right and follow road round Right of Oval.

(D.): MEMORIAL PARK, DENILQUIN—

When coming from the Echuca direction, follow the Main Highway until the start of the Shopping Centre. Turn Right at "Mac's Service Station", which is on the Right. Continue Right until you enter Memorial Park.

(E.P.): EWING PARK, BENDIGO—

Directions to Ewing Park: Travel along Mundy Street, Across Railway Line, TURN RIGHT JUST BEFORE CREEK (at Stoneman's S.S.W.). Ground immediately on your RIGHT.

(K.): KYNETON HIGH SCHOOL, KYNETON—

Enter Kyneton on the Calder Highway from Bendigo until the "T" Junction, Turn Right into Mollison St., Continue until the Newmarket Hotel is on your left-hand side, Turn Left into Market St., which takes you directly to the ground.

(M.): LOCO GROUND, MARYBOROUGH—

From Bendigo, Left at Caravan Park into Holyrood St., Right into Burns St. Ground on Right.

(O.): OSBORNE STREET, BENDIGO—

Travel along Mclvor Road out of Bendigo. Take Second Street on Right (Sternberg Street) after passing under Railway Bridge. After 1 k.m Continue Through Roundabout into Somerville Street. Travel for approximately 1½ km. Pass Corner Somerville (becomes Retreat Rd.) and Osborne Streets. Ground on Left, after 400 metres.

(S.C.): SPORTS CENTRE, BENDIGO—

From the Fountain, proceed North along Pall Mall past the Post Office and Court House. Veer Left at the Conservatory; Turn Left at the Self-Serve Service Station and follow the road. The Sports Centre is on the Right Hand Side, opposite the Bendigo Training Prison.

(S.E.): M. A. BENNETT OVAL, SEYMOUR—

When reaching the Hume Highway, Turn Left into Seymour and then Right at the Caltex Service Station, past the Police Station which will then be on your left, proceed along Tallarook Street, Turn Left and then Immediate Right under the Railway Bridge into Anzac Avenue. Continue along Anzac Avenue until you reach the Public Library adjacent to the Tucker Bag Shopping Complex. Turn Left at Keith Street and the ground, M. A. BENNETT OVAL, can be seen on your right.

SHADFORD PARK (SP), Bendigo —

Shadford Park is situated at the corner of Prouses Road and Arnold Street, Bendigo. From Bendigo Post Office head north towards Echuca, turn left after approximately half a mile into Arnold Street. Go past Bendigo Base Hospital for another quarter of a mile. The ground is on the left behind the Bowling Club.

STRATHFIELDSAYE GROUND —

Strathfieldsaye Village (off Strathfieldsaye Road). Turn up Williamson Street from Pall Mall and continue straight on, the road becoming Condon Street, then Strathfieldsaye Road.

TRUSCOTT RESERVE (TR), Eaglehawk —

In the centre of Bendigo turn off at the Fountain and follow the signs to Eaglehawk which takes you up View Street. Turn left into Barnard Street with the Q.E.O. 2on2 your right. Veer right into Eaglehawk Road. Continue along Eaglehawk Road for approximately 2 miles until you come to the Stafford-Ellinson Factory on your right. Turn left at the butcher shop and continue a very short distance, Truscott Reserve is located directly in front of you.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES DIVISION 1

Home	Away	Ground	Time
ROUND 1 — 26th April:			
Seymour v. Colts		SE	3.00
Eaglehawk v. Strathdale		TR.	3.00
College v. Sth. Bendigo		O	3.00
Golden City v. Castlemaine		SC	3.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)			
ROUND 2 — 3rd May:			
Sth Bendigo v. Seymour		EP	3.00
Colts v. College		SYE	3.00
Castlemaine v. Eaglehawk		C	3.00
B.O.B.S. v. Strathdale		B	3.00
Golden City (Bye)			
ROUND 3 — 10th May:			
B.O.B.S. v. Colts		B	3.00
College v. Castlemaine		O	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Strathdale		EP	3.00
Golden City v. Eaglehawk		SC	3.00
Seymour (Bye)			
ROUND 4 — 17th May:			
Seymour v. College		SE	3.00
Eaglehawk v. Colts		TR	3.00
Castlemaine v. Sth. Bendigo		C	3.00
B.O.B.S. v. Golden City		B	3.00
Strathdale (Bye)			
ROUND 5 — 24th May:			
South v. B.O.B.S.		EP	3.00
Seymour v. Castlemaine		SE	3.00
Golden City v. College		SC	3.00
Strathdale v. Colts		B	3.00
Eaglehawk (Bye)			
ROUND 6 — 31st May:			
Eaglehawk v. Sth. Bendigo		TR	3.00
Strathdale v. Golden City		B	3.00
Castlemaine v. Colts		C	3.00
Seymour v. B.O.B.S.		SE	3.00
College (Bye)			

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ROUND 7 — 14th June:

Home	Away	Ground	Time
Sth. Bendigo v. Colts		EP	3.00
Strathdale v. College		B	3.00
Eaglehawk v. B.O.B.S.		TR	3.00
Seymour v. Golden City		SE	3.00
Castlemaine (Bye)			

ROUND 8 — 21st June:

B.O.B.S. v. College	B	3.00
Seymour v. Eaglehawk	SE	3.00
Golden City v. Colts	SC	3.00
Castlemaine v. Strathdale	C	
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)		

ROUND 9 — 28th June:

Castlemaine v. B.O.B.S.	C	3.00
Eaglehawk v. College	TR	3.00
Strathdale v. Seymour	B	3.00
Golden City v. Sth. Bendigo	SC	3.00
Colts (Bye)		

5-A-SIDE COMPETITION — Saturday, 4th July; Sunday, 5th July

ROUND 10 — 12th July:

Colts v. Seymour	SYE	3.00
Strathdale v. Eaglehawk	B	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. College	EP	3.00
Castlemaine v. Golden City	C	3.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)		

ROUND 11 — 19th July:

Seymour v. Sth. Bendigo	SE	3.00
College v. Colts	O	3.00
Eaglehawk v. Castlemaine	TR	3.00
Strathdale v. B.O.B.S.	B	3.00
Golden City (Bye)		

Home Away

Ground

Time

ROUND 12 — 26th July:

Home	Away	Ground	Time
Eaglehawk v. Golden City		TR	3.00
Colts v. B.O.B.S.		SYE	3.00
Castlemaine v. College		C	3.00
Strathdale v. Sth. Bendigo		B	3.00
Seymour (Bye)			

ROUND 13 — 2nd Aug.:

College v. Seymour	O	3.00
Colts v. Eaglehawk	SYE	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Castlemaine	EP	3.00
Golden City v. B.O.B.S.	SC	3.00
Strathdale (Bye)		

ROUND 14 — 9th Aug.:

B.O.B.S. v. Sth. Bendigo	B	3.00
College v. Golden City	O	3.00
Castlemaine v. Seymour	C	3.00
Colts v. Strathdale	SYE	3.00
Eaglehawk (Bye)		

ROUND 15 — 16th Aug.:

Sth. Bendigo v. Eaglehawk	EP	3.00
Golden City v. Strathdale	SC	3.00
Colts v. Castlemaine	SYE	3.00
B.O.B.S. v. Seymour	B	3.00
College (Bye)		

ROUND 16 — 23rd Aug.:

Colts v. Sth. Bendigo	SYE	3.00
College v. Strathdale	O	3.00
B.O.B.S. v. Eaglehawk	B	3.00
Golden City v. Seymour	SC	3.00
Castlemaine (Bye)		

ROUND 17 — 30th Aug.:

College v. B.O.B.S.	O	3.00
Eaglehawk v. Seymour	TR	3.00
Colts v. Golden City	SYE	3.00
Strathdale v. Castlemaine	B	3.00
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)		

ROUND 18 — 6th Sept.:

B.O.B.S. v. Castlemaine	B	3.00
College v. Eaglehawk	O	3.00
Seymour v. Strathdale	SE	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Golden City	EP	3.00
Colts (Bye)		

13th SEPT.—Postponed Games and Elimination Round 1 for Knock-Out Cup.

20th SEPT. — VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

ROUND 2 Knock-Out Cup — 27th Sept

SEMI-FINALS Knock-Out Cup — 4th October

FINAL Knock-Out Cup — 11th October

DIVISION 2

ROUND 1 — 26th April:

Seymour v. Colts	SE	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Rugby	B	1.00
Deniliquin v. Maryborough	D	3.00
Golden City v. Sth. Bendigo	SC	1.00
Eaglehawk (Bye)		

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Sth. Bendigo v. Seymour		EP	1.00
Colts v. Deniliquin		SYE	1.00
Maryborough v. Eaglehawk		M	1.00
Rugby v. Golden City		SH	1.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)			

ROUND 3 — 10th May:

Golden City v. Eaglehawk	SC	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Colts	B	1.00
Seymour v. Deniliquin	SE	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Maryborough	EP	1.00
Rugby (Bye)		

ROUND 4 — 17th May:

Seymour v. Rugby	SE	1.00
Eaglehawk v. Colts	TR	1.00
Deniliquin v. Sth. Bendigo	D	3.00
B.O.B.S. v. Golden City	B	1.00
Maryborough (Bye)		

ROUND 5 — 24th May:

Sth. Bendigo v. B.O.B.S.	EP	1.00
Colts v. Rugby	SYE	1.00
Deniliquin v. Eaglehawk	D	3.00
Seymour v. Maryborough	SE	1.00
Golden City (Bye)		

ROUND 6 — 31st May:

Eaglehawk v. Sth. Bendigo	TR	1.00
Rugby v. Maryborough	SH	1.00
Colts v. Golden City	SYE	1.00
Seymour v. B.O.B.S.	SE	1.00
Deniliquin (Bye)		

COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS — Saturday, Sunday, Monday (June 6, 7, 8)

ROUND 7 — 14th June:

Maryborough v. Colts	M	3.00
Deniliquin v. Rugby	D	3.00
Eaglehawk v. B.O.B.S.	TR	1.00
Seymour v. Golden City	SE	1.00
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)		

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Peter Hill (left) Colt's successful coach, accepting the Division 1 Championship Trophy from V.S.F. President, John Dimtsis.



A happy Clive Ibbeson (left), Captain-Coach of South Epsom, receiving 1st Division K.O. Winners' Cup from Jack Reilly, former Australian goal-keeper.



Celly McCuskey (left), capable Coach of Castlemaine, clean-sweep winner of all major trophies in Division Two, with League President, Ted Ellinghaus.



A contented Barry Lake (right), Captain of Maryborough S.C., presented with Championship Trophy for Division Three by Gerard Sheehan, one of the League's Sponsors.



B.O.B.S.' President, Duncan McLaren (left), receiving "Most Improved Team" Trophy from League's life-member, Barry Moore.



Popular Merv. Samuel (right), winner of the Player of The Year Award (Best & Fairest), Division One, receiving his "just reward" from Mel McGovern of Kelly Bros, one of the League Sponsors.



Bob Evans, Castlemaine (left), Best and Fairest winner in Division Two, with Ollie Norris, former English Division One Middlesborough player.



Allan Wilkinson (right), B.O.B.S.' winner of Best & Fairest in Division Three, with his delighted father, David Wilkinson, the League's inaugural President.



Colts' Lloyd Jones (left), winner of the League's Outstanding Representative Player Award, and Stephen Butler, the League's top goal-scorer.



A beaming David Keith, the League's Secretary for 1979-80, and winner of Outstanding Contribution to Soccer Award.

LADIES' SOCCER - COLLEGE



Back Row (L. to R.): K. Wardell, L. Cook, R. Doyle, S. Butcher, L. Sbisà, G. Hall (Coach), J. Millar, C. Williams, T. Shanahan (Leading Goal-Scorer).

Front row: R. Punton, J. Doyle (Best & Fairest), D. Frank, J. Wells, N. Stuttard, L. Tobin.

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Front Row: S. Boak, A. Miller, J. Pascoe, K. Maher, S. Morgan, A. Chalkley, S. Sims.
(Absent, J. Muslunka).

POSTPONED GAMES AND ELIMINATION ROUND 1 FOR KNOCK-OUT CUP

20th SEPTEMBER — VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

4th Oct. — SEMI FINALS KNOCK-OUT CUP

11th OCTOBER — FINAL KNOCK-OUT CUP

ROUND 8 — 21st June:

Rugby v. Sth. Bendigo	SH	1.00
Seymour v. Eaglehawk	SE	1.00
Golden City v. Maryborough	SC	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Deniliquin	B	1.00
Colts (Bye)		

ROUND 9 — 28th June:

Colts v. Sth. Bendigo	SYE	1.00
Eaglehawk v. Rugby	TR	1.00
Maryborough v. B.O.B.S.	M	3.00
Golden City v. Deniliquin	SC	1.00
Seymour (Bye)		

ROUND 10 — 12th July:

Colts v. Seymour	SYE	1.00
Rugby v. B.O.B.S.	SH	1.00
Maryborough v. Deniliquin	M	3.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Golden City	EP	1.00
Eaglehawk (Bye)		

ROUND 11 — 19th July:

Seymour v. Sth. Bendigo	SE	1.00
Deniliquin v. Colts	D	3.00
Eaglehawk v. Maryborough	TR	1.00
Golden City v. Rugby	SC	1.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)		

ROUND 12 — 26th July:

Eaglehawk v. Golden City	TR	1.00
Colts v. B.O.B.S.	SYE	1.00
Deniliquin v. Seymour	D	3.00
Maryborough v. Sth. Bendigo	M	3.00
Rugby (Bye)		

ROUND 13 — 2nd Aug.:

Rugby v. Seymour	SH	1.00
Colts v. Eaglehawk	SYE	1.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Deniliquin	EP	3.00
Golden City v. B.O.B.S.	SC	1.00
Maryborough (Bye)		

DIVISION 3

Home	Away	Ground	Time
ROUND 14 — 9th Aug.:			
B.O.B.S. v. Sth. Bendigo		B	1.00
Rugby v. Colts		SH	1.00
Eaglehawk v. Deniliquin		TR	3.00
Maryborough v. Seymour		M	11.00
Golden City (Bye)			
ROUND 15 — 16th Aug.:			
Sth. Bendigo v. Eaglehawk		EP	1.00
Maryborough v. Rugby		M	1.00
Golden City v. Colts		SC	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Seymour		B	1.00
Deniliquin (Bye)			
ROUND 16 — 23rd Aug.:			
Colts v. Maryborough		SYE	1.00
Rugby v. Deniliquin		SH	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Eaglehawk		B	1.00
Golden City v. Seymour		SC	1.00
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)			
ROUND 17 — 30th Aug.:			
Sth. Bendigo v. Rugby		EP	1.00
Eaglehawk v. Seymour		TR	1.00
Maryborough v. Golden City		M	3.00
Deniliquin v. B.O.B.S.		D	3.00
Colts (Bye)			
ROUND 18 — 6th Sept.:			
Sth. Bendigo v. Colts		EP	1.00
Rugby v. Eaglehawk		SH	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Maryborough		B	1.00
Deniliquin v. Golden City		D	3.00
Seymour (Bye)			

POSTPONED GAMES AND ELIMINATION ROUND 1 FOR KNOCK-OUT CUP

20th SEPTEMBER — VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

4th Oct. — SEMI-FINALS KNOCK-OUT CUP

11th OCTOBER — FINAL KNOCK-OUT CUP

ROUND 1 — 26th April:

Colts v. Strathdale	SYE	11.00
B.O.B.S. v. Kyneton	B	11.00
Deniliquin v. Maryborough	D	1.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Castlemaine	EP	1.00
College (Bye)		

ROUND 2 — 3rd May:

Strathdale v. College	B	11.00
Colts v. Deniliquin	SYE	11.00
Castlemaine v. Kyneton	C	1.00
Maryborough v. B.O.B.S.	M	11.00
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)		

ROUND 3 — 10th May:

B.O.B.S. v. Strathdale	B	11.00
Kyneton v. Colts	K	11.00
College v. Castlemaine	O	1.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Maryborough	EP	1.00
Deniliquin (Bye)		

ROUND 4 — 17th May:

Maryborough v. College	M	11.00
Kyneton v. Strathdale	K	11.00
Deniliquin v. Sth. Bendigo	D	1.00
Castlemaine v. Colts	C	1.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)		

ROUND 5 — 24th May:

Colts v. B.O.B.S.	SYE	11.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Kyneton	EP	1.00
Deniliquin v. College	D	1.00
Strathdale v. Castlemaine	B	11.00
Maryborough (Bye)		

ROUND 6 — 31st May:

Sth. Bendigo v. College	EP	1.00
Strathdale v. Maryborough	B	11.00
Kyneton v. Deniliquin	K	1.00
Castlemaine v. B.O.B.S.	C	1.00
Colts (Bye)		

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ROUND 7 — 14th June:

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Strathdale (Bye)		

ROUND 8 — 21st June:

College v. Colts	O	11.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Strathdale	EP	1.00
Castlemaine v. Maryborough	C	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Deniliquin	B	11.00
Kyneton (Bye)		

ROUND 9 — 28th June:

Colts v. Sth. Bendigo	SYE	11.00
College v. B.O.B.S.	O	1.00
Maryborough v. Kyneton	M	1.00
Strathdale v. Deniliquin	B	1.00

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ROUND 10 — 12th July:

Strathdale v. Colts	B	11.00
Kyneton v. B.O.B.S.	K.	11.00
Maryborough v. Deniliquin	M	1.00
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College (Bye)		

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Kyneton v. Castlemaine		K	11.00
B.O.B.S. v. Maryborough		B	11.00
Sth. Bendigo (Bye)			(could be at 1.00)
ROUND 12 — 26th July:			
Strathdale v. B.O.B.S.		B	1.00
Colts v. Kyneton		SYE	11.00
Castlemaine v. College		C	1.00
Maryborough v. Sth. Bendigo		M	1.00
Deniliquin (Bye)			
ROUND 13 — 2nd Aug.:			
College v. Maryborough		O	1.00
Strathdale v. Kyneton		B	1.00
Sth. Bendigo v. Deniliquin		EP	1.00
Colts v. Castlemaine		SYE	11.00
B.O.B.S. (Bye)			
ROUND 14 — 9th Aug.:			
B.O.B.S. v. Colts		B	11.00
Kyneton v. Sth. Bendigo		K	1.00
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ROUND 15 — 16th Aug.:			
College v. Sth. Bendigo		O	1.00
Maryborough v. Strathdale		M	11.00
Deniliquin v. Kyneton		D	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Castlemaine		B	11.00
Colts (Bye)			
ROUND 16 — 23rd Aug.:			
Colts v. Maryborough		SYE	11.00
Castlemaine v. Deniliquin		C	1.00
College v. Kyneton		O	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. Sth. Bendigo		B	11.00
Strathdale (Bye)			
ROUND 17 — 30th Aug.:			
Colts v. College		SYE	1.00
Strathdale v. Sth. Bendigo		B	1.00
Maryborough v. Castlemaine		M	1.00
Deniliquin v. B.O.B.S.		D	1.00
Kyneton (Bye)			
ROUND 18 — 6th Sept.:			
Sth. Bendigo v. Colts		EP	1.00
B.O.B.S. v. College		B	11.00
Kyneton v. Maryborough		K	11.00
Deniliquin v. Strathdale		D	1.00
Castlemaine (Bye)			

20th SEPTEMBER — VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

27th Sept. — ROUND 2 KNOCK-OUT CUP

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HISTORY OF THE BENDIGO WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

In 1975, with the help of the then B.S.L. Secretary, Ian Platt, the Bendigo Women's Soccer Association was formed with four teams — Bendigo and Golden Square High Schools, B.I.T. and South Bendigo, with B.I.T. dominating the season.

Since that time the Association has gone from strength to strength. 1976 saw the same teams lining up. G.S.H.S. had joined Golden City, while B.H.S. gained sponsorship. This year also saw the first contact with the Victorian Women's Soccer Association. Consequently, three inter-league matches were played against the State squad.

The following year the Association affiliated with V.W.S.A., thus allowing local player Cheryl Elvey to be selected in the State team. '77 also saw South Epsom entering a team, making five clubs, all of whom had joined with men's clubs — College, Golden City, Colts, Eaglehawk and South Epsom. Following on from the previous year a number of inter-league matches were played — State side, Swan Hill, Waverley and Seymour — as well as a promotional match in Ballarat.

Seymour then joined the Association for the '78 season. A Bendigo squad was formed and matches were played against Swan Hill, Footscray and the Victorian State squad. In early '78 the team competed in V.W.S.A. Lightning Premiership and fared reasonably well, drawing with Ringwood United, but losing to top State side, Greensborough.

In 1980 Bendigo again competed in the V.W.S.A. Lightning Premiership. Although no trophies were won, a lot of experience was gained from the higher standard competition. Friendly matches were also played against the State squad and Watsonia.

Standard of play continued to improve in 1980 with the most noticeable improvement being seen in a previously unsuccessful side, Colts, who won the League Cup and finished third in the League Championships. Their success should provide incentive to all clubs to begin to build up a stronger competition.

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1980 HIGHLIGHTS

1980 saw a much more exciting competition between the six teams for the League Championships. Although College was again successful in winning the Championship, the result was not determined until the second last round. South Epsom finished a very close second, and a much-improved Colts finished third.

The League Cup was closely contested by Colts and Eaglehawk in a very exciting final which ended in a 1-all draw after extra time. A replay was held and Colts took out the Cup 3 goals to 1.

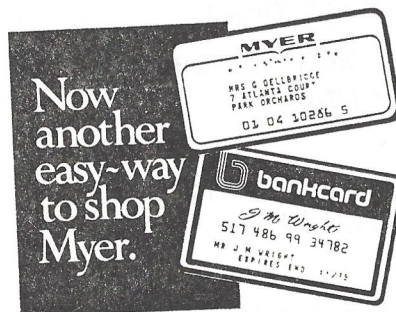
Jenny Doyle from College won the Best and Fairest Award with 30 points from L. Braddy of Eaglehawk with 26 points.

Trish Shanahan, also from College, was once again the leading goal-scorer with a convincing score of 32 goals. The next best score was Rosemary Hayes (South Epsom) with 21 goals.

The combined Bendigo side, with a few promising new players, was victorious in a closely fought game with Melbourne team Watsonia. This win is encouraging and it is hoped that Bendigo can continue to improve in 1981.

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RESULTS — 1980

League Champions — COLLEGE.
League Runners-Up — SOUTH EPSOM.
League Cup Winners — COLTS.
League Runners-Up — EAGLEHAWK.
5-A-Side Winners — COLTS.
Best and Fairest — J. DOYLE (College).
Leading Goal-Scorer — P. SHANAHAN (College).

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER — 1980

	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Pts.
College	15	13	1	1	58	9	27
Sth. Epsom	15	11	2	2	37	11	24
Colts	15	7	5	3	32	25	17
Eaglehawk	15	6	8	1	16	22	13
Golden City	15	2	11	2	12	38	6
Seymour	15	1	13	1	3	52	3

BEST & FAIREST — 1980

Points	
30—J. Doyle (College)	19—S. Miniken (Seymour).
26—L. Braddy (Eaglehawk).	19—S. Morgan (Colts).
25—D. Sumner (Golden City)	16—J. Wells (College).
24—M. Lindner (Seymour).	16—P. Logan (Sth. Epsom)
23—R. Hayes (Sth. Epsom).	15—S. Simms (Colts).
19—R. McCormick (Colts).	13—R. Sargent (Eaglehawk).
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B.W.S.A. DRAW — 1981

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KEY :

T.R.—Truscott Reserve
E.P.—Ewing Park.
S—Seymour.

S.C.—Sports Centre
SYE—Strathfieldsaye
O—Osborne Street

ROUND 1 — 26th April:
Eaglehawk v. Colts
Golden City v. Sth. Bendigo
College v. Seymour

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.
O 1.00 P.M.

ROUND 2 — 3rd May:
Seymour c. Sth. Bendigo
Eaglehawk v. College
Colts v. Golden City

S 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 3 — 10th May:
Eaglehawk v. Sth. Bendigo
Golden City v. Seymour
College v. Colts

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.
O 1.00 P.M.

No Play 17th May.

ROUND 4 — 24th May:
Seymour v. Colts
Golden City v. Eaglehawk
College v. Sth. Bendigo

SEY 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
O 1.00 P.M.

ROUND 5 — 31st May:
Eaglehawk v. Seymour
College v. Golden City
Colts v. Sth. Bendigo

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
SYE 11.00 A.M.

No Play Queen's Birthday Weekend.

ROUND 6 — 14th June:
Colts v. Eaglehawk
Sth. Bendigo v. Golden City
Seymour v. College

SYE 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 7 — 21st June:
Sth. Bendigo v. Seymour
Eaglehawk v. College
Colts v. Golden City

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
SYE 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 8 — 28th June:

Eaglehawk v. Sth. Bendigo
Seymour v. Golden City
College v. Colts

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S. 11.00 A.M.
O. 11.00 A.M.

5th July — No Play 5-A-Side.

ROUND 9 — 12th July:

Colts v. Seymour
Eaglehawk v. Golden City
Sth. Bendigo v. College

SYE. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
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ROUND 10 — 19th July:

Seymour v. Eaglehawk
Golden City v. College
Colts v. Sth. Bendigo

S. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.
SYE. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 11 — 26th July:

Colts v. Eaglehawk
Sth. Bendigo v. Golden City
Seymour v. Colts

SYE. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 12 — 2nd Aug.:

Seymour v. Sth. Bendigo
Eaglehawk v. College
Golden City v. Colts

S. 11.00 A.M.
T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 13 — 9th Aug.:

Sth. Bendigo v. Eaglehawk
Golden City v. Seymour
College v. Colts

T.R. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.
O. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 14 — 16th Aug.:

Seymour v. Colts
Golden City v. Eaglehawk
College v. Sth. Bendigo

S. 11.00 A.M.
S.C. 11.00 A.M.
O. 11.00 A.M.

ROUND 15 — 23rd Aug.:

Seymour v. Eaglehawk
Golden City v. College
Sth. Bendigo v. Colts

S. 11.00 A.M.
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BENDIGO WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION GOALSCORERS — 1980

32—P. Shanahan (College).
21—R. Hayes (Sth. Epsom).
11—K. Pickering (Eaglehawk).
10—A. Chalkley (Colts).
8—J. Wells (College).
7—K. Nancarrow (Sth. Epsom).
6—S. Morgan (Colts).

5—M. Read (Colts).
5—S. Simms (Colts).
4—L. Cook (College).
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4—D. Sumner (Golden City).
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BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

It is most gratifying to see junior soccer growing at such a rapid rate. The League has gained 12 teams since last year. We now have 66 teams, well in excess of 1,000 players, to commence the season in 1981.

To create more interest last season for the lower teams a Second Division Knock-Out Cup was brought in for each age group, which proved most successful.

The end of season presentation night was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall. This proved a great success as the hall was swelled to the limit. Mr. Frank Villiers from World Of Sport was guest speaker, and also assisted with the presentation of trophies and players of the year awards.

The Bendigo Junior Soccer League has entered three teams — Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 — in the Victorian Country Championships being held this year for the first time.

Once again, McDonald's gave their support by supplying hamburgers for match-of-the-day winners in all age groups, which was most appreciated.

In the coming season, I am looking forward to the continued support from the committee members, referees and coaches.

GEORGE HARPER, President.

BENDIGO JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE

UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1979 THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE SHIELD

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Colts United	10	—	3	20
Strathdale	9	2	2	20
Eaglehawk	9	1	4	19
Bendigo United	5	3	5	13
Golden City	6	1	6	13
Quarry Hill	5	2	6	12
South Epsom	2	4	7	8
W.H.T.S.	—	1	12	1

THE BARRY MOORE UNDER-16 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1979

FINAL — COLTS UNITED 3 defeated GOLDEN CITY 1

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UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE BENDIGO SOCCER LEAGUE SHIELD

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
CHAMPIONS:				
Bendigo United	14	—	—	28
Strathdale	10	1	3	21
Colts United	10	—	4	20
Eaglehawk	7	2	5	16
South Epsom	5	0	9	10
Quarry Hill	4	1	9	9
G.S.H.S.	4	—	10	8

THE BARRY MOORE UNDER-16 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Bendigo United 4 defeated Strathdale 0.

THE NOEL BEATON MEDAL UNDER-16 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: C. Kendall (Colts United)	23
R. Mason (Quarry Hill)	20
D. Jones (Colts United)	14
C. Bourke (Strathdale)	14
C. Smith (Bendigo United)	13
M. Anderson (Bendigo United)	13

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1972—S. Wood (Golden City)
 1973—A. Logan (Sth. Bendigo).
 1974—G. Green (W.H.T.S.).
 1975—S. McKnight (K.F.T.S.).
 1976—D. Bolton (Sth. Bendigo).
 1977—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).
 1978—T. Bogiatzis (Strathdale).
 1979—P. Harward (Strathdale).

UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE PETER KALADIS TROPHY

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Colts United	14	0	0	28
G.S.H.S.	10	1	3	21
Quarry Hill	8	2	4	18
Castlemaine	6	3	5	15
Strathdale	7	0	7	14
Girton	3	3	8	9
White Hills	3	1	10	7
Eaglehawk	—	—	14	0

THE GEORGE HARPER UNDER-14 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Colts United 3 defeated G.S.H.S. 1.

THE LES ROWE MEDAL UNDER-14 PLAYER OF THE YEAR — 1980

Winner: N. Thompson (G.S.H.S.)	24
G. Dolphin (Castlemaine)	24
D. O'Keefe (Colts United)	23
J. Tresize (Strathdale)	21
I. Carter (G.S.H.S.)	21

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1973—D. Bolton (Quarry Hill).
 1974—P. Harward (Strathdale).
 1975—R. Gould (Strathdale).
 1976—R. Herrick (K.F.T.S.), B. Hill (Castlemaine), equal.
 1977—S. White (South Epsom).
 1978—G. Harrower (Echuca).
 1979—A. McArthur (White Hills Demons).

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UNDER-12 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1979 THE JANE HALL SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Colts United	12	—	—	24
Girton	10	—	2	20
Strathdale "A"	9	—	3	18
White Hills "A"	9	—	3	18
Strathdale "B"	7	—	5	14
Castlemaine	4	2	6	10
Golden City	4	2	6	10
Y.M.C.A.	4	1	7	9
Quarry Hill Comets	4	—	8	8
Quarry Hill Spurs	3	2	7	8
White Hills "B"	1	2	9	4
W.H.T.S.	—	1	11	1

THE LAURIE GOULD UNDER-12 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1979

FINAL — COLTS UNITED 9 defeated GIRTON 1

UNDER-12 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE JANE HALL SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Girton	13	0	1	26
Colts United	10	1	3	21
Golden City	7	2	5	16
Strathdale	6	3	5	15
White Hills	5	4	5	14
Castlemaine	5	2	8	12
Y.M.C.A.	4	2	8	10

THE LAURIE GOULD UNDER-12 "A" KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Colts United 1 defeated Girton 0.

THE GEORGE HARPER MEDAL UNDER-12 "A" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: L. Leung (Y.M.C.A.)	26
R. Cousins (White Hills)	23
R. Langan (Girton)	19
S. Chisholm (Colts United)	12
G. Sumner (Golden City)	12

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

1975—R. Davies (Quarry Hill).
 1976—B. Trowell (Eaglehawk).
 1977—J. Travis (White Hills Demons).
 1978—A. Raselli (Colts United).
 1979—A. Raselli (Colts United).

UNDER-12 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE BOB ELLIOTT TROPHY

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Quarry Hill	13	0	1	26
White Hills	11	0	3	22
Golden City	8	0	6	16
Colts United	3	2	9	8
Marong	3	1	10	7
Eaglehawk	2	1	11	5

UNDER-12 "B" KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Quarry Hill 5 defeated Golden City 0.

UNDER-12 "B" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: S. George (Quarry Hill)	20
G. Lane (Quarry Hill)	19
T. Morley (White Hills)	17
J. Dolton (Golden City)	11
A. Longano (Golden City)	11

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

No Previous Award.

UNDER-10 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1979 THE LES ROWE SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Golden City	11	—	1	22
Colts United "A"	10	1	1	21
White Hills "A"	10	—	2	20
Girton	9	1	2	19
Y.M.C.A.	7	1	4	15
Quarry Hill	5	1	6	11
Strathdale	4	3	5	11
Castlemaine	4	2	6	10
Colts United "B"	3	1	8	7
White Hills "B"	3	—	9	6
South Epsom	1	—	11	2

UNDER-10 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE LES ROWE SHIELD

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
White Hills	13	1	—	25
Girton	9	1	4	19
Colts United	8	2	4	18
Y.M.C.A.	8	1	5	17
Quarry Hill	5	0	9	10
Castlemaine	5	0	10	8
Strathdale	4	0	10	8
South Epsom	1	1	12	3

THE ALAN HARWARD UNDER-10 "A" KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: White Hills 6 defeated Colts United 2.

THE BARRY MOORE MEDAL UNDER-10 "A" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: S. Graham (White Hills)	27
B. Paton (Castlemaine)	23
W. White (Y.M.C.A.)	21
A. Gray (Girton)	18
C. Samuel (Girton)	17

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1977—R. Langan (Girton).
 1978—K. Young (Y.M.C.A.).
 1979—S. Langan (Girton).

UNDER-10 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
Marong	11	2	1	24
Y.M.C.A. (Equal).	12	0	2	24
Strathdale	10	1	3	21
White Hills	3	6	5	12
Castlemaine	4	3	7	11
Eaglehawk	1	2	11	4
Girton	1	2	11	4

UNDER-10 "B" KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Marong 1 defeated Strathdale 0.

UNDER-10 "B" PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: S. Treyvaud (Y.M.C.A.)	25
L. Knight (Eaglehawk)	18
C. Todd (Colts United)	15
S. Frasin (Castlemaine)	14
V. Hooper (Strathdale)	11
No Previous Award.	

UNDER-8 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1979 THE McDONALDS SHIELD

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
EQUAL CHAMPIONS:				
Girton	9	5	—	23
Y.M.C.A.	9	5	—	23
Castlemaine	9	3	2	21
Quarry Hill	5	3	6	13
Strathdale	5	3	6	13
White Hills	2	5	7	9
Colts United	2	2	10	6
South Epsom	1	2	12	4

UNDER-8 CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE — 1980 THE McDONALD SHIELD

CHAMPIONS:	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.
White Hills "A"	14	—	—	28
Y.M.C.A.	12	—	2	24
Quarry Hill	8	2	4	18
Girton	7	1	6	15
South Epsom	5	4	5	14
Colts United	5	3	6	13
Castlemaine	4	4	6	12
Strathdale	3	5	6	11
White Hills "B"	2	—	12	4

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UNDER-8 KNOCK-OUT CUP — 1980

FINAL: Y.M.C.A. 1 drew with Girton 1, after extra time. Cup shared.

THE AILSA MASON MEDAL UNDER-8 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1980 VOTING

Winner: B. Lovell (Quarry Hill)	23
M. Batistich (Girton)	20
J. Peatling (South Epsom)	20
F. Byrne (Castlemaine)	19

PREVIOUS: WINNERS:

1979—B. Paton (Castlemaine).

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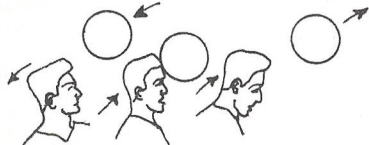
The following represents the first of a series on how to improve your play. Some of the basic skills of the game, i.e., heading, receiving the ball and tackling are outlined, along with many practice routines for improving these skills.

HEADING

Heading the ball is a technique of particular importance for back and forward players and one which all players should try to develop.

When introducing heading to beginners try to build confidence quickly. This will be aided by using a lightweight ball so that mistakes will not be painful. A ball which has been let down slightly will also be more comfortable to head in the early stages. The technique of heading is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



Contact with the ball is made with the forehead, the neck muscles held firm and eyes on the ball. The head follows through after contact. Power may be obtained by flexing the knees and then straightening on impact. The feet should be comfortably apart to provide a balanced position.

Introductory Practice

- Throw the ball in the air, head and catch it.
- Try to head the ball as many times as possible.
- Throw the ball to a partner, 4 metres away, and head to each other.

As confidence increases the players may be encouraged to increase the power in the heading by arching the back and then coming forward from the hips to head through the ball. The feet should be apart and the knees flexed to allow backward and forward movement of the body, as in Fig. 2.

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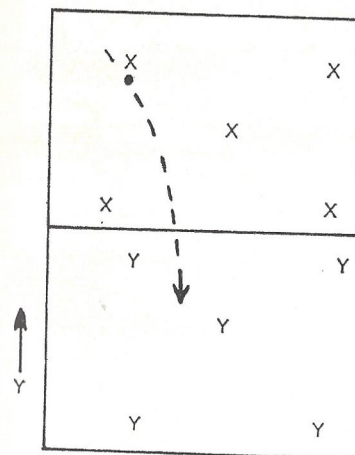


Fig. 2



HEAD TENNIS

The ball must be played over the centre line or net with the head, to land in the opponents' court. The ball may bounce once and must be kept in the air. Each time the ball is played into the opponents' court it must be headed.

If the ball touches the ground more than once on either side or lands outside the court a point is awarded to the other team.

Rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.

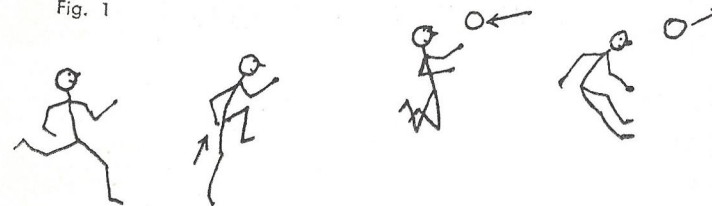
HEADING

There are many occasions when defending players have to deal with high balls in or around their penalty area. Crosses from the flanks and midfield, long throw-ins, corner kicks and free kicks are all situations which pose an enormous threat to the goal.

When jumping to head the ball the following points should be remembered:

- More height will be gained if you take two or three steps into the jump.
- Take off on one foot and bring your free leg and arms up vigorously.
- As your body leaves the ground, arch your back.
- Just before impact with the ball, thrust the top half of your body forwards so that your head makes contact with the ball to give power to the header. The legs will also come forwards to maintain a balanced landing position, as shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1



The direction of the ball may be changed by using your neck to turn your head and bring it forcefully into the ball.

No matter how good you are technically at heading the ball, you must have courage and determination when it comes to winning the ball in the air.

The first thing you must do is attack the ball and be first to it. Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it to head the ball at the highest possible point. This requires good timing in jumping and ability to predict the flight path of the ball as early as possible.

Once you get to the ball, go for height and head through the bottom half. The longer the ball is in the air the more time the defenders have to prepare themselves to clear it effectively.

Distance is next on the list of priorities. Head the ball as far as possible away from the goal. The direction of the header should be wide and away from the flight path of the ball.

Remember the following points, attack the ball and head for height, distance and width in that order.

RECEIVING THE BALL

When a player decides to receive the ball during a game, there are several techniques which he may use to control the ball. The height and trajectory of the ball will influence how the player controls the ball and the time and space in which the player has to move will either increase or decrease the options open to him. A player may have space to move backwards and receive a high pass as the ball bounces, instead of on his chest. The player may have an opponent behind him or he may want to move forwards with the ball as quickly as possible, in which case he may have to receive the ball on his chest or even head the ball forwards.

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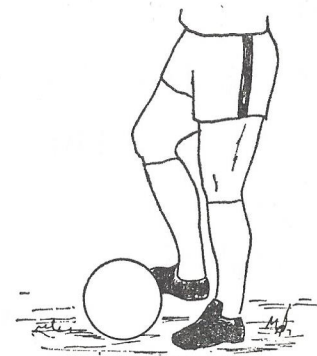
- Move into the line of the ball as early as possible and then move towards it.
- Relax and withdraw the receiving surface just before making contact. The speed of the ball will determine how quickly the receiving surface is withdrawn.

Once the techniques have been mastered you should practise receiving and deflecting the ball. This is done in one movement and is vital if you want to move off quickly as you receive the ball.

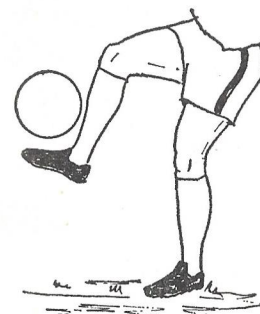
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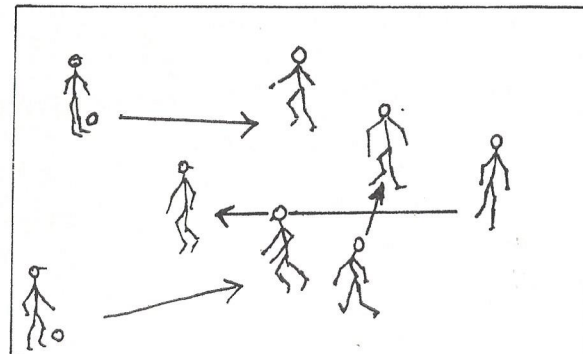
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RECEIVING THE BALL

The following practices are designed to develop a player's technical ability when receiving the ball.

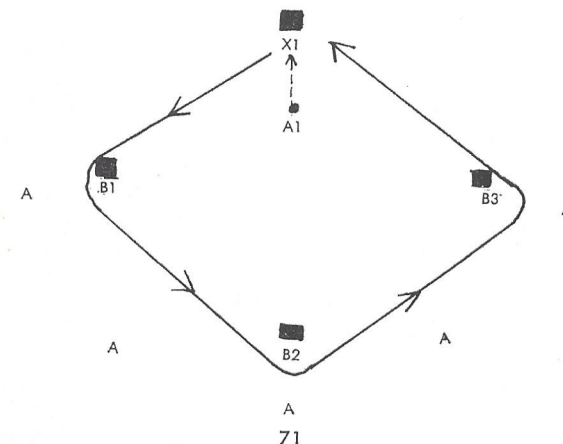
Practice 1



The players work in pairs or groups of three and pass the ball to one another along the ground. When a player has the ball he must run with it until his partner calls for the ball, and then pass accurately to feet. The player receiving the pass must get in line with the ball and then move towards it. The players may be given directions in which to move as they receive the ball.

Practice 2

A1 passes the ball to X1 who must kick the ball forwards. X1 must then try to run around the bases B1, B2 and B3 back to his starting position, without stopping, to score a run for his team. The A team have to pass the ball to one of the bases before the X runner gets there in order to get him out. If the ball goes in the air from the X player's kick the A team may get him out in the following way: (a) By trapping the ball on the first bounce, or (b) Touching the ball twice before it hits the ground. No player is allowed to handle the ball at any stage. The rules may be adapted to suit the ability of the players.



RECEIVING THE BALL

A player in a match is constantly making decisions regarding controlling the ball. The decision of whether to control the ball or not, is influenced by several factors, one of which is the position of team-mates and opposing players. Therefore it is desirable for beginners to develop techniques in situations which demand decision making.

The following practices may be used to help players decide when and when not to receive the ball.

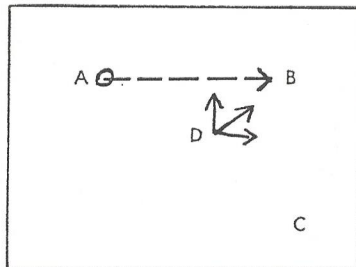
In Practice 4 A passes to B who is challenged by D. When A passes the ball, D may do one of three things.

- (a) Try to intercept the pass from B to either A or C.
- (b) Tackle B if he keeps the ball.

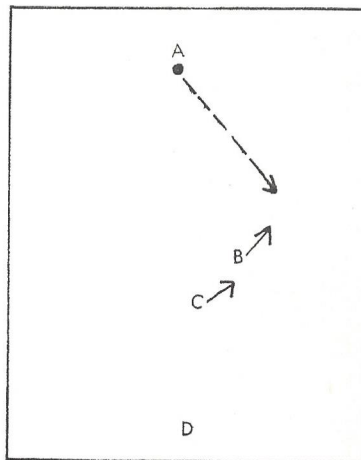
If B decides to keep the ball each time, D may move closer to B, to be in a more threatening position.

A, B and C have to make three passes without D touching the ball. The service may be varied for practice of different techniques.

Practice 4



Practice 5

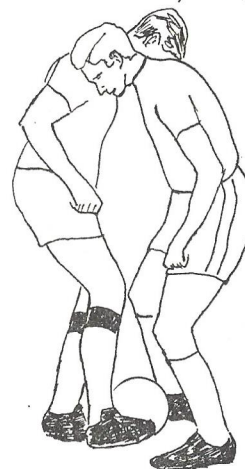


In Practice 5, A passes to B who is marked by C. A and B have to get the ball to D. Defender C must stay behind B until A passes the ball. One important point for B is his angle of run to receive the ball. If B runs sideways and then goes to meet the pass he will be able to glance over his shoulder more easily to see where C is and decide whether to keep the ball and turn, or pass back to A. It may be necessary to position C several yards behind B to allow him more time to do this in the beginning.

TACKLING

There are several techniques which are used in tackling, (a) The front block tackle, (b) The side block tackle, and (c) The sliding tackle.

When using the front block tackle the tackling foot should be turned outwards so that contact with the ball is made with the inside of the foot. The knee should be slightly flexed and the muscles of the leg firmly contracted. To be in the strongest position to win the tackle the body should be over the ball at contact as in Fig. 1.



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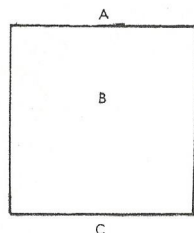
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Once a player has decided to tackle, and this decision will be influenced by several factors, he should be determined to win the ball and not just impede his opponent.

Players who tackle half-heartedly will not win the ball and may suffer injury as a result. So remember, tackle hard and fairly for the best results.



Practice 1

Players A and C take it in turns to try and dribble past defender B. Players A and C have five goes each before one of them changes with player B. Keep a score and see who wins the most number of tackles.

The side block tackle or the sliding tackle is used when the defender is travelling in the same direction as the player with the ball.

The side block tackle may be used when the defender is able to get close enough to the attacker, so that he does not have to stretch to make the tackle. The non-tackling foot should be placed close to the ball so that the weight of the body is over the ball when the tackle is made, as in Figs. 1 and 2.

Fig. 1

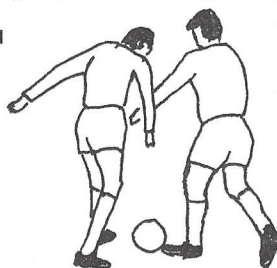
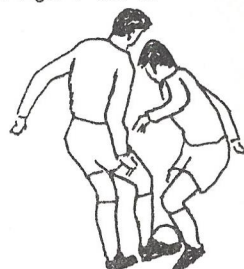


Fig. 2



The sliding tackle is often used as a last resort, or when the ball may be knocked out of play. Sliding tackles should be used with caution because if the tackle is unsuccessful the defender is left on the ground and out of the game.

Figs. 3 and 4 show the sliding tackle and it is important to note that the tackling leg is the leg which is farthest away from the opponent.

One of the most common mistakes is to tackle with the inside leg. Such tackles often result in a free-kick being given away unnecessarily.

Fig. 3

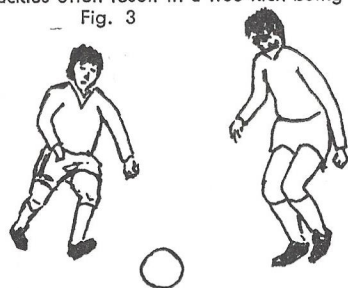
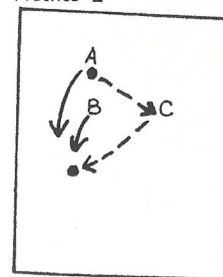


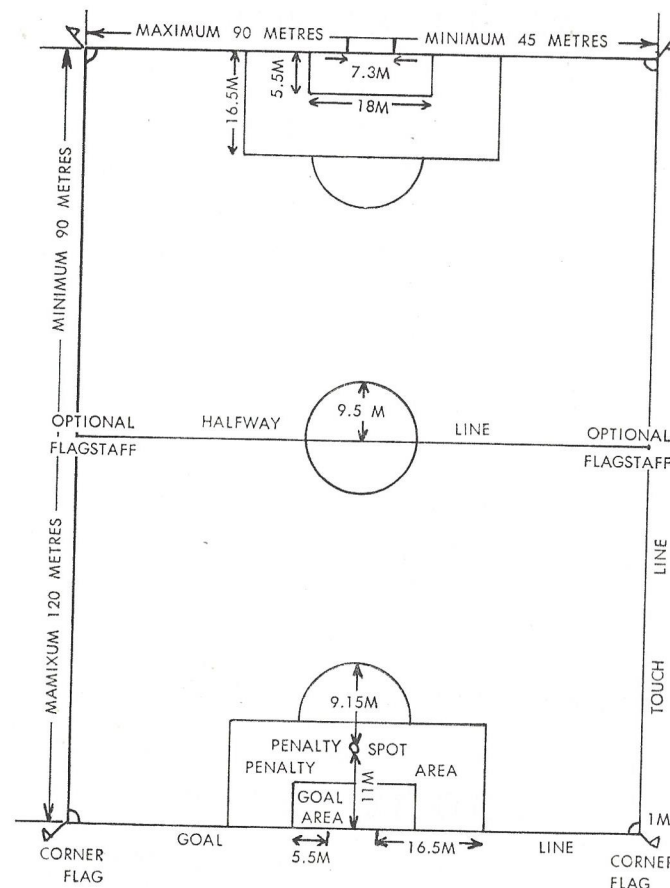
Fig. 4



Practice 2



A attacks defender B and makes a wall pass using C as the supporting attacker. B turns to chase A and, depending on his position, he either makes a slide block tackle or a sliding tackle.



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